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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023

**RECOGNIZING** Caracole as a 2023 Pride Month honoree, and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the organization’s decades-long commitment to and advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

WHEREAS, Caracole has served the community since 1987, playing an essential role in helping improve the health and wellbeing of our region; and

WHEREAS, Caracole provides comprehensive services in prevention, housing, and care to individuals at risk for or living with HIV; and

WHEREAS, despite medical treatment breakthroughs, inequities in health care access, stigmas, racism, homophobia, transphobia, and criminalization of HIV remain barriers to ending the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Caracole believes everyone deserves to be healthy—no matter who we are, what we do, where we come from, what we earn, how we look, or who we love; and

WHEREAS, Caracole is an exemplary provider that embraces the LGBTQIA+ community and advocates alongside other organizations to celebrate the spectrum of gender diversity, gender expression, and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Caracole staff work daily to combat stigmas, discrimination, and injustice so that we all can live authentic and healthy lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Caracole as a 2023 Pride Month honoree for being a relentless advocate for health equity, helping Cincinnati become a place where everyone can live their best lives possible.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Caracole through the office of Councilmember Mark Jeffreys.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Mark Jeffreys and Harris